

Swift's wholesale market. "I do not anticipate a further advance, and the market is so sluggish to-day that there may be a reduction."

Another overture for peace will be made by the butcher workmen to-morrow before calling for assistance from the other trades in the stock yards. If it does not bear fruit the firemen and engineers will go out either to-morrow night or Wednesday morning.

That was the programme mapped out by the strike leaders to-day. As soon as President Donnelly returned from St. Louis pressure was brought to bear on him by his advisers to call on the other trades. He at first refused to do so, believing that the matter could be settled without involving the other mechanics in the yards.

Homer D. Call, secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, is in favor of a general sympathetic strike. C. L. Shamp, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, has taken little part in the conferences with the leaders of the butcher workmen beyond saying that the firemen were ready to go out when asked to do so, and not before.

After discussing the matter with his lieutenants for several hours to-day, President Donnelly finally consented to sanction a sympathetic strike, but stipulated first that the packers should have one more opportunity to settle. "This was satisfactory to the others and a letter will be sent to J. Ogden Armour to-morrow morning."

A conference was held this afternoon between the packers and representatives of the firemen's union in the office of Nelson Morris & Co. at the stock yards. Little was accomplished, however, as the leaders of the firemen said they would enter into no agreement until the trouble with the butcher workmen was settled. The packers said they would be ready to take up the demands of the firemen on next Monday, but before that time the men will be out on strike unless the trouble with the butchers is settled.

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY ON:

Charges Made That Packers Are Violating Injunction Against Restraining Trade.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—No report has yet been made to the Department of Commerce in regard to the charges that the beef packers are disobeying the injunction of the Circuit Court restraining them from combining to fix the price of beef. Special attention has been called to the investigation now going on by a story that President Roosevelt had ordered the Department of Justice to arrange for the advancement of the so-called beef trust case on the calendar of the United States Circuit Court.

The fact is that the case referred to has never been appealed to the highest tribunal. Nearly a year ago the United States Circuit Court, sitting at Chicago, decided in favor of the Government in the suit instituted against the beef packers by Attorney-General Knox. At the same time an injunction was issued against the packers by the court, restraining them from existing as a combination in restraint of trade.

The defendants in the suit were allowed one year in which to file a notice of appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court, but no notice has been filed, and the officials of the Department of Justice some time ago privately reached the conclusion that the packers did not intend to carry the case to the Supreme Court.

A few weeks ago complaints were made that the beef packers were violating the terms of the injunction, and that in fact they were continuing to fix the price of beef. An investigation was begun by the Department of Commerce and this is now going on.

It is charged that the National Packing Company's officials are notified by railroad officials every night just what cattle may be expected to arrive the next morning at the principal packing houses, centers and that the dealer having the largest orders for prime beef fixes the price that is to be paid for the prime beef cattle and sends his salesmen out to the buying at the price agreed upon. It is asserted that under the agreement that exists between the packers no one bids against the buyer and the beef is purchased by him at his figure. If the seller raises any objection to accepting the terms offered, none of the other dealers is claimed, will make a higher bid, and the seller has to accept the terms or have the cattle left on his hands.

Another feature of the alleged trust, according to the charges which have been laid before the Department of Commerce, is an agreement by the dealer purchasing the beef to allow his fellow dealers to purchase from him on his figure all the beef they need to fill orders.

OMAHA PLANTS AT WORK.

Meat Packers Bringing in Workmen and Guaranteeing Protection to Them.

OMAHA, Neb., July 18.—All the packing houses in South Omaha were running to-day, livestock being killed at each plant. Nearly twice as many men are at work as on Saturday, and still more strike breakers are expected to-night and to-morrow. The allied packers have organized a central employment bureau, and are advertising extensively for workmen and guarantee good wages as well as protection from strikers.

All the remaining craftsmen will be called out on Tuesday unless the question of arbitration is taken up again, said President Vail of the strikers to-day.

The craftsmen who are still working number about 1,000 men. "Every department is running to-day," said Manager Murphy of the Cudahy plant. "Even the soap and lard departments. We killed 150 head of cattle and will increase that output to-morrow."

The Board of Police Commissioners to-day issued a notice saying every man applying for protection to enter or leave any of the packing houses would receive a detail of police as an escort. Although good order now prevails, rumors of riot are rife.

BALTIMORE HAS MEAT TO SELL.

Prices Drop There and She Is Preparing to Supply Other Cities.

BALTIMORE, July 18.—Baltimore has not only enough beef on hand to supply its own demand for some time to come, but steps are being taken to supply other Eastern cities. With fifth and sixth months' supplies have been reported, inquiries have been made for rates from Baltimore to New York and New England places. It was also reported that it was prepared to ship beef West.

There was a big increase in the receipts of live stock in Baltimore to-day. Contrary to expectations, however, prices were lower instead of higher. The arrivals of cattle were about 185 carloads, or in the neighborhood of 3,180 head. This is more than twice the receipts any day last week.

MEAT PRICES TAKE A DROP.

New York Strikers Leaders Get Disquieting News—Anti-Riot Placards.

If there was ever any panic in this city about high prices of meat caused by the strike of the meat cutters and butcher

workmen it was largely dissipated yesterday. A sympathetic rise in the price of meat and mutton, which went into effect last week, was followed yesterday by a reduction in prices, indicating that the supply was keeping good pace with the demand.

A representative of the Metropolitan Hotel Supply Company, Fourteenth street and Tenth avenue, said that the company had an ample supply of meat for several weeks. The strike leaders at their headquarters, 827 Fifth avenue, were disconcerted at news which arrived in the afternoon to the effect that 140 cars of live stock from the West had reached Jersey City and would be distributed through New Jersey. Calves were sold at 87 per 100 pounds as against 88 last week. Cattle fell from 50 to 75 cents per 100 pounds. Mutton was selling three cents a pound cheaper than last week.

At Washington Market the prices, while higher than before the strike, were in many cases lower than last week.

There were reports during the day that the strikers here were getting tired and weary of grumbling at meetings. One report was that the strikers at Harrison, N. J., where the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company has one of its largest outside plants, had either returned or were thinking of returning to work.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, H. L. Eichelberger, the strike leader, and Joseph Masterton, business agent of Local No. 5 of the strikers' organization, had a conference lasting three hours at 25 Third avenue, the headquarters of the strikers. Eichelberger said that Mr. Gompers, at the conference, simply expressed his sympathy with the strikers. Asked whether firemen and engineers would be called on to strike, Eichelberger said:

"As soon as any of the trade firms begins to kill the firemen and engineers will be asked to quit. They will be asked to strike only in the plants of firms which start to kill before the strike is over."

Placards printed in five languages came from Chicago to the strike leaders from the national executive committee, with instructions to the men doing the posting at the meeting places. They were to the following effect:

"We can win if we stand by the union, if we obey the laws of the country, if we respect the property and abide strictly by the laws of the country. All men on strike should be treated as enemies and not as citizens. Union meetings for information. If you follow the above instructions, you will be of great assistance to the union."

At a mass meeting of the United Garment Workers in Cooper Union, after the meeting had been held in the strike headquarters, the National Association of Clothiers, Mr. Gompers said he had attended a conference with the employers over the meat strike.

"The employers were then willing to arbitrate everything," he said. "I could not get them to do so. They said they could do so individually in defeat. Let those who can't get meat eat fish. There's as good fish in the sea as ever was caught."

About 80 per cent. of the kosher retail butcher shops on the East Side were closed yesterday. Those which were open sold principally real and fish. The three associations of kosher butchers met to-day and formed a central association, and a mass meeting of the kosher butchers will be held to-morrow at 206 East Broadway.

GRAB AT INDEX MINING STOCK.

Everhart's Grain Pool Creditors Joyfully Accept His Offer.

There was great joy last night in the uptown gathering places of those who like to get money rapidly through the mails from persons in agricultural parts of the country, especially among those who accumulate capital by promoting grain pools. The joy was caused by the latest return from the office of Franklin Everhart & Co. of 16 Exchange place, grain and mining brokers.

About June 20 Post Office inspectors visited the Everhart office and learned that the sending out of grain and mining dividends to the clients of the house had ceased indefinitely. Mr. Everhart was not there. They made efforts to find him there and elsewhere for many days. They haven't seen him yet, so Mr. Everhart's friends uptown say. But on June 22 Mr. Everhart caused a circular to be issued from his office addressed to the clients of the house to expect dividends and who were not known to get them. It was a circular couched in sad terms, although it was discussed with glee among Mr. Everhart's admiring competitors.

Mr. Everhart said in this document that "his heart was heavy because he had to announce his suspension. He begged his clients to 'bear with him in his hour of need.' He told them that so many of them as would wait a year for him to sell their securities, which he had no intention, might get their money. Or he explained, he would pay off such of his creditors as chose to accept his offer by 'issuing' to them a new Index Mining Company 'at par out of his own holdings.'"

The joy among Mr. Everhart's competitors and friends last night was caused by the circulation of the news that more than half of Mr. Everhart's agricultural clients and patrons had answered the circular by hastening to assure him that he could not send on his Index Mining stock fast enough in full settlement of all claims. They fairly grabbed at it. As a result, it was predicted last night that Mr. Everhart would be able to square all his deficient cereal accounts and be able him to resume business in some other specialty within a short while.

Newton Bennington, the well known Wall Street man, sportsman and plunger, did not buy any horses yesterday at the Brighton Beach racetrack.

MORE LAWLESS ARRESTS.

Says Magistrate O'Brien, Discharging Two Prisoners—Backing Up a Case.

The case of Lillian Williams, the negro woman from Governors Island whose arrest on Thursday evening brought down on Policemen Morton and Blaffer of the West Thirtieth street station a severe reprimand from Magistrate Cornell, came up again in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday afternoon. Morton and Blaffer, backed up by Capt. Cottrell, were on hand with a mulatto woman, who, they said, could prove that the woman had an habit of the Tendorion and that her arrest was justifiable. Magistrate Cornell declared, but the same line of argument that he had been too severe upon the policemen and that the arrest might have been a proper one.

The woman the police produced to back them up was of the kind whose word is not taken for gospel. In the teeth of the testimony of the police, the woman declared: "I've known her for two years and she hasn't been down to Governors Island in that time."

I don't believe your testimony amounts to that," said Magistrate Cornell, snapping his fingers. Miss Coleman, the probationary officer of the court was directed to investigate the case.

Magistrate O'Brien had before him at the Tombs Police court yesterday morning Charles Baker of 72 Forsyth street and Max Fleischer of 115 West 12th street. The charge the officer who took them into custody could make against them was that of associating with thieves.

"The way in which men are arrested, dragged to the station house and photographed for the rogues' gallery," said the magistrate, "is outrageous. There is no power by which a man's picture can be got out of the gallery, and there should be more means by which an officer, making such arrests, could be brought before a court for trial. Many absolutely innocent men are arrested and their pictures put in the gallery before they are vindicated by discharge in court."

The Magistrate then read a letter received from a man on Blackwell's Island, saying that the writer had been arrested over and over again on suspicion, that his picture had been put in the rogues' gallery, although he had never been arrested for a specific crime or on suspicion of any specific crime. The Magistrate ordered an investigation of the man's case. Baker and Fleischer he discharged.

LOCKOUT FOR CARPENTERS.

BOSSES STOP ALL WORK TO ENFORCE AGREEMENT.

Ordered by Flint & Co. Fully Manned Pending Arbitration of Disputed Point—Brotherhood Proposed Conditions; Then Gave In, but Was Too Late.

A general lockout of all the union carpenters employed by the members of the Master Carpenters' Association in Manhattan borough went into effect yesterday at noon. The lockout affected between 5,000 and 6,000 men. It was ordered by the board of governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association because the Brotherhood of Carpenters failed to fulfill the terms of a demand for literal compliance with the arbitration agreement issued by the board last week.

The lockout ties up the carpenter work on all the buildings where the Master Carpenters' Association and the general contractors who are members of the Building Trades Employers' Association have contracts in this borough. Four of the buildings affected are contracts of the George A. Fuller company, which owns the new Times Building, the Hotel Breslin, the new Trinity Building and the Tabor Building.

The lockout is the first drastic measure taken by the Building Trades Employers' Association since the arbitration agreement went into effect. A general lockout was threatened when the tile layers violated the arbitration agreement by the Employers' Association by going on strike on all the stations of the subway several months ago and the tile layers came quickly to terms before the lockout went into effect. The carpenters affected by the present lockout all belong to the Manhattan District Council of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, and, as stated in THE SUN on Sunday, the trouble began with a strike of the carpenters on a contract of Flint & Co. at Sixtieth street and Fifth avenue. The strike was against the handling of non-union wood trim.

The following statement of the whole case, given out by the Building Trades Employers' Association last evening:

The lockout went into effect at noon, and all the men were notified to report to their employers' district council on Friday that, unless the contract of Flint & Co. was signed by the carpenters yesterday morning, all the members of the brotherhood would be locked out for persisting in a violation of the arbitration agreement. At 8 o'clock the building was not manned, and while on Saturday night the district council of the carpenters was practically a challenge to the employers' district council, the building was not manned this morning. At 10 o'clock, Daniel Featherston, secretary of the district council, came around and straightened matters out, but made a complaint against the union of governors could not then be rescinded. The shutdown is complete, but in twenty-four hours matters may be straightened out.

No more surprised body of men ever was shut down than the carpenters who were notified to report at 1 P. M. to be paid off. Many of them were dumfounded. Some of them did not know what the trouble was about. It was the first time the board of governors of the employers' association had used its punitive powers and the blow was entirely unexpected.

Though the trouble began about six weeks ago, nothing leaked out until about the last day or two. The carpenters then made a complaint about the non-union wood trim and wages. A trade agreement, it appears, had been made in February, but was rejected through the action of the carpenters. Then twelve of the carpenters went on strike at Flint & Co.'s contract, but they were ordered back pending arbitration. The strike was again when more carpenters were needed to finish the job.

The Board of Governors of the Employers' Association then met on Wednesday and issued its ultimatum, which was to sign the contract on pain of a lockout. Only the original twelve strikers returned to work, and the work was not fully manned until it was too late.

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ATTACK MADE IN A FOG.

Kuroki Praised the Behavior of His Men Who Repulsed the Russians.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
Tokio, July 18.—Gen. Kuroki, commanding the First Army, reports a severe engagement in the Motien Pass, between Fengwangcheng and Liaoyang, early yesterday morning. Gen. Keller, with two divisions, taking advantage of a dense fog to cloak his advance, at 3 o'clock in the morning fiercely assaulted the Japanese positions at the pass and on either flank.

After a stubborn fight the Japanese repulsed the attack and pursued the Russians nearly to Tienahutien.

Gen. Kuroki adds that he is making an investigation to ascertain the number of his casualties.

He compliments the army on its splendid behavior in the battle.

LONDON, July 18.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times says that the accounts received suggest that the Russians are paying too much attention to Gen. Kuroki's right, which is advancing by the northern road from Jalmathe, menacing a point north of Liaoyang.

In addition to the skirmish on July 14 at Helmantang, already reported, there was one on July 13 in the Lauming defile, five miles east of Kiautan, which is twenty miles north of Lienshanwan, on the north bank of the Taitsze River. A Japanese battalion dislodged 400 of the enemy in the Lauming defile. The fight lasted some hours.

The Japanese casualties were trifling. From this it appears that Gen. Kuroki's centre is more advanced than his right flank, though the Russian force confronting the latter seems to be too weak to check its resolute forward movement. It is observed that the Russians in this region offer feeble resistance to the Japanese advance, and while expending much labor on defensive works, they do not display corresponding tenacity in holding them, so that the works benefit the Japanese.

LOOMIS MYSTERY NOT SOLVED.
Coroner's Jury Unable to Determine Cause of Death.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PLYMOUTH, England, July 18.—A Coroner's inquest was held to-day over the body of F. Kent Loomis, brother of the Assistant Secretary of State at Washington, which came ashore near here last Saturday. Two local doctors testified that they made an examination of the body and found a contused wound below and behind the right ear and a general bruise, involving the scalp and the integuments of the brain, on the left side above the ear. Both injuries had been caused before death.

The Coroner's jury returned an open verdict, finding that there was not sufficient evidence to enable it to determine the cause of death.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Francis B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of State, does not give credence to the theory that his brother, F. Kent Loomis, who disappeared from the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II. on the night of June 19, and whose body was washed ashore at Thurleston, England, on Saturday, met with foul play.

Assistant Secretary Loomis made a very thorough inquiry among the officers and crew of the steamship upon her return to New York, and found nothing to bear out any suspicion that his brother had an enemy on board. The room stewards were questioned minutely with reference to the relations between Kent Loomis and those with whom he associated on the steamship, and their evidence was that he appeared to be on the best of terms with everybody. He was most cordial in his bearing toward W. H. Ellis of New York, with whom he was going to Abyssinia, and none of the stewards ever overheard an angry word between them.

ASSASSIN ESCAPES.
Man Who Shot Russian Vice-Governor Believed to Be an Armenian.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
ST. PETERSBURG, July 18.—The Vice-Governor Andrei of Elizabetopol, who was assassinated at Agdashkhan last evening, was slain while he was walking on the public promenade. He received six shots in the back.

The assassin, who is supposed to be an Armenian, fled, and although he was pursued he escaped.

MOORISH BRIGANDS REPULSED.
Attacked Residence of an Englishman Outside of Tangier.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
TANGIER, July 18.—The residence of an Englishman named Leverston, two miles outside of the town, was attacked by brigands last night. Native soldiers who were guarding the house repulsed the assailants.

Dr. Roberts, English Astronomer, Dead.
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, July 18.—Dr. Isaac Roberts, the astronomer, died to-day.

MARINE HAS AN AIRSHIP.
Gets Permission to Start His Flight From League Island Navy Yard.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—Charles Laub, a corporal of marines at the League Island navy yard, has perfected an airship upon which he has been working for many years, and the Government has granted him permission to make his first ascension from the navy yard.

Laub says that his craft will do stunts that the Santos Dumont never dreamed of. He proposes to sail from the navy yard to the City Hall, a distance of about three miles, where he will circumnavigate the big tower.

Laub's term of enlistment expires within a few days, and the trial trip will be made as soon as the airship is brought from Newark, N. J.

Lightning Explodes a Powder Mill.
WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 18.—The powder mills of the Enterprise Powder Company at Greendale, near here, were struck by lightning early this morning, causing an electric storm and exploded. The dry house and the press house, containing 600 kegs, were blown up, only two holes in the ground remaining. The mill was completely destroyed. The other mills were damaged.

Big Brooklyn Building Boom.
The building operations in the borough of Brooklyn for the week ended July 16 were the largest since any single week for several years, aggregating \$3,057,276. Plans for no less than 161 new buildings were filed.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.
Lillian L. Schuster, milliner at 716 Lexington avenue, made an attempt yesterday to steal Joseph without preference. She began business about four years ago, and was in the style of "Lena". The liabilities are about \$200.

War Correspondent Held as a Spy.
Open Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, July 18.—Friedrich von Kriegerstein, war correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, telegraphs that he has been imprisoned at Munkden for a fortnight on suspicion of being a Japanese spy, and that he obtained his release only after much trouble.

PROTEST MADE TO RUSSIA.

GERMANY RESENTS SHIP SEIZURES; ENGLAND MAY ALSO ACT.

Cabinet Now Considering the Question of Russia's Right to Hold Up British Ships in the Red Sea—Return of the Confiscated Mail Requested by Germany.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
LONDON, July 18.—The interference with neutral commerce on the high seas by the steamships St. Petersburg and Smolensk of the Russian volunteer fleet, which passed through the Bosphorus in the guise of merchant vessels, was made the subject of an intervention in the House of Commons to-day. The following questions were put to the Government:

Did the St. Petersburg overhaul British vessels in the Red Sea?

Did the St. Petersburg pass through the Bosphorus under commercial flag?

Is it in conformity with international law for the same vessel at one time to fly a commercial flag and at another time to assert the authority of a warship?

Can such a transformation take place on the high seas, or is it obligatory that a vessel holding a commission as a warship should have been commissioned as such in a port of the nation to which she belongs?

Earl Percy, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that the subject was of the utmost importance and was engaging the earnest attention of the Government.

ADEN, July 18.—The British steamship Persia reports that she was forcibly detained for an hour in the Red Sea by the Russian volunteer steamship Smolensk, which transferred to her a portion of the Japanese mail taken from the German steamship Prinz Heinrich last Friday. The Smolensk confiscated two sacks containing mails for Nagasaki, Japan.

BERLIN, July 18.—Beyond the fact that Germany has protested in some form to Russia against the seizure of mails on German vessels, there is little that can be said with certainty as to how she means to treat the Prinz Heinrich incident. The correspondence of THE SUN learns that the Government's ground of complaint is that the seizure was an infringement of the international postal convention of 1878, by which it is agreed that postal matter shall be considered free and not subject to the interference of belligerents.

Reports differ considerably as to the extent of the Government's objection. Some describe it as being very firm, while the German postal authorities telegraphed direct to St. Petersburg demanding instant restitution of the mails and their immediate despatch to their